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**Burnt Clay Building Bricks —
Methods of Tests**

Part 2 Determination of Water Absorption
(*Fourth Revision*)

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FOREWORD

This Indian Standard (Part 2) (Fourth Revision) was adopted by the Bureau of Indian Standards, after the draft finalized by the Clay and Stabilized Soil Products for Construction Sectional Committee had been approved by the Civil Engineering Division Council.

Standard methods of testing burnt clay bricks are essential adjunct to the various burnt clay brick specifications. This standard (Part 2) was first published in 1966 and subsequently revised in 1973, 1976 and 1992. This standard in different parts lays down the procedure for the tests to evaluate the physical properties of different types of burnt clay bricks. Earlier, all the tests to evaluate the physical properties of burnt clay bricks were covered in one standard but for facilitating the use of this standard and future revisions, the revised standard has been brought out in different parts, each part covering different tests.

This Indian Standard is published in four parts. The other parts in this series are:

- Part 1 Determination of compressive strength
- Part 3 Determination of efflorescence
- Part 4 Determination of warpage

This standard (Part 2) covers determination of water absorption in burnt clay bricks.

Following are the significant modifications incorporated in this revision:

- a) 5 h boiling water absorption test has been added.
- b) An additional parameter, saturation coefficient, has been incorporated.
- c) Constant mass has been defined.

Efforts have also been made to update the other contents.

The composition of the Committee responsible for the formulation of this standard is given in Annex A.

In reporting the result of a test or analysis made in accordance with this standard, if the final value observed or calculated, is to be rounded off, it shall be done in accordance with IS 2 : 1960 'Rules for rounding off numerical values (*revised*)'.

*Indian Standard***BURNT CLAY BUILDING BRICKS —
METHODS OF TESTS****PART 2 DETERMINATION OF WATER ABSORPTION***(Fourth Revision)***1 SCOPE**

This standard (Part 2) covers the method of determination of water absorption of burnt clay building bricks.

2 REFERENCE

The following standard contain provisions which, through reference in this text, constitute provisions of this standard. At the time of publication, the edition indicated was valid. All standards are subject to revision, and parties to agreements based on this standard are encouraged to investigate the possibility of applying the most recent edition of the standard indicated below:

<i>IS No.</i>	<i>Title</i>
5454 : 1978	Methods of sampling of clay building bricks (<i>first revision</i>)

3 GENERAL

3.1 The dimension shall be measured to the nearest 1 mm.

3.2 All apparatus and testing equipment shall be calibrated at frequent intervals, as applicable to the respective testing equipment.

3.3 The number of specimens for the test shall be selected according to IS 5454.

4 METHODS**4.1 24-hour Water Absorption Test****4.1.1 Apparatus**

A sensitive balance capable of weighing within 0.1 percent of the mass of the specimen, a water tank and a ventilated oven.

4.1.2 Pre-conditioning

Dry the brick specimens in a ventilated oven at a temperature of 105 to 115°C for not less than 24 h until two successive weighings at intervals of 2 h show an increment of loss not greater than 0.2 percent of the last previously determined mass of the specimen. Cool the specimens to room temperature and obtain their mass (M_1). Specimens warm to touch shall not be used for the purpose.

4.1.3 Procedure

Immerse completely dried specimens in clean distilled water at 15 to 30°C for 24 h. Remove the specimens and wipe out any traces of water with a damp cloth and weigh the specimens. Complete the weighing within 3 min after the specimens have been removed from water (M_2).

4.1.4 Report

Water absorption, percent by mass, after 24 h immersion in water is given by the following formula:

$$\frac{M_2 - M_1}{M_1} \times 100$$

4.1.4.1 The average 24-h water absorption shall be reported to the nearest 0.1 percent. Wherever specified in the product specification, the 24 h water absorption of all the individual brick specimens tested shall also be reported.

4.2 Five-hour Boiling Water Absorption Test**4.2.1 Apparatus**

See 4.1.1.

4.2.2 Pre-conditioning

4.2.2.1 The test specimens shall be the same specimens used in the 24 h water absorption test where required and shall be used in the state of saturation existing at the completion of that test.

4.2.2.2 Dry and cool the test specimens in accordance with 4.1.2 when performing the 5 h boiling water absorption test without previously conducting the 24 water absorption test.

4.2.3 Procedure

Submerge the specimens in clean distilled water at 15 to 30°C in such a manner that water circulates freely on all sides of the specimen. Heat the water to boiling point, within one hour, boil continuously for 5 h, and then allow to cool between 15 to 30°C by natural loss of heat. Remove the specimens and wipe out any traces of water with a damp cloth, and weigh the specimens. Complete the weighing within 3 min after the specimens have been removed from water (M_3).

4.2.4 Report

Water absorption, percent by mass, after 5 h boiling water test is given by the following formula:

$$\frac{M_3 - M_1}{M_1} \times 100$$

4.2.4.1 The average 5 h water absorption shall be reported to the nearest 0.1 percent. Wherever specified in the product specification, the 5 h boiling water absorption of all the individual bricks tested shall also be reported.

4.3 Saturation Coefficient

The saturation coefficient, the ratio of 24 h immersion cold water absorption to the 5 h boiling water absorption, is given by the following formula:

$$\frac{M_2 - M_1}{M_3 - M_1}$$

ANNEX A

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